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JAFFEE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, COLTON, LAVINE,
PHEFFER, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on
Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, the vehicle and traffic law and
the state finance law, in relation to establishing the save our sight
program and the save our sight fund

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 22
2 to read as follows:
3 S 22. SAVE OUR SIGHT PROGRAM. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH
4 THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO
5 ESTABLISH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, A SAVE OUR SIGHT PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRAM
6 SHALL:
7 1. PROVIDE SUPPORT TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER VISION
8 SCREENING AND EDUCATION SERVICES;
9 2. IMPLEMENT A VOLUNTARY CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING TRAINING AND
10 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS, CHILD DAY-CARE PROVIDERS, NURSES,
11 TEACHERS, HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS
12 AND FOR OTHER PERSONS SERVING CHILDREN;
13 3. DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A REGISTRY AND TARGETED VOLUNTARY CASE
14 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO DETERMINE WHETHER CHILDREN WITH AMBLYOPIA ARE
15 RECEIVING PROFESSIONAL EYE CARE AND TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDI-
16 ANS OF CHILDREN WITH AMBLYOPIA WITH INFORMATION AND SUPPORT REGARDING
17 SUCH CHILDREN'S VISION;
18 4. ESTABLISH A MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIB-
19 UTION OF PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR TO CHILDREN;
20 5. PROVIDE VISION HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS TO CLASS-
21 ROOMS; AND

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 6. FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE-C OF THE VEHICLE AND
2 TRAFFIC LAW, TO DEVELOP MATERIALS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE CARE AND
3 SAFETY AND TO DELIVER SUCH MATERIALS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHI-
4 CLES FOR DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE-C OF THE
5 VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

6 S 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
7 401-c to read as follows:

8 S 401-C. SAVE OUR SIGHT PROGRAM; VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION. IN ADDITION
9 TO THE FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, EVERY APPLICATION FOR
10 REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND EVERY APPLI-
11 CATION FOR AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE OR FOR RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL PROVIDE AN
12 OPTION TO THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE BEING REGISTERED OR APPLICANT TO MAKE
13 A ONE-DOLLAR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE SAVE OUR SIGHT FUND ESTAB-
14 LISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHTY-ONE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. THE
15 COMMISSIONER SHALL COLLECT SUCH ADDITIONAL ONE DOLLAR FROM ANY PERSON
16 WHO OPTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH FUND. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO MAKE
17 AVAILABLE TO EVERY PERSON APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL REGISTRA-
18 TION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND EVERY APPLICATION FOR AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE
19 OR FOR RENEWAL THEREOF MATERIALS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE CARE AND SAFE-
20 TY PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-TWO
21 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FORWARD ALL MONEYS
22 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO THE COMPTROLLER
23 FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE SAVE OUR SIGHT FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION
24 EIGHTY-ONE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

25 S 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 81 to
26 read as follows:

27 S 81. SAVE OUR SIGHT FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE
28 CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAVE OUR
29 SIGHT FUND.

30 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL MONEYS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE
31 OF SUCH FUND, ALL MONEYS TRANSFERRED TO SUCH FUND PURSUANT TO LAW AND
32 ALL MONEYS REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE CREDIT OF SUCH FUND PURSUANT TO
33 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE-C OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

34 3. MONEYS OF THE FUND SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION AND ALLO-
35 CATION ONLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSES OF CARRYING
36 OUT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW AND
37 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE-C OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

38 4. MONEYS OF THE FUND, WHEN AVAILABLE, SHALL BE PAID OUT ON THE AUDIT
39 AND WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE
40 COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OR BY AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
41 HEALTH DESIGNATED BY SUCH COMMISSIONER.

42 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.